

Q1 sodium chloride particulates with an average diameter of less than about 38 microns and a range of diameters between about 15 and about 115 microns, may be used to form pores of corresponding sizes. In an embodiment, third zone 66 may have a radial thickness of about 400 to about 3200 microns.

Please replace the paragraph at Page 14, Lines 16-28, with the following replacement paragraph:

Q2 In such admixtures, the base polymer is the polymer, whose surface characteristics are modified by the addition of the additive. As noted above, preferably, the surface characteristics are modified to achieve a low surface free energy or a high contact angle of adhesion, or both. Generally, the additive has a significantly lower γ_c value than that of the base polymer. The admixture's γ_c value may be reduced by dispersing the additive throughout the base polymer. Preferably, the additive is soluble in a solvent and relatively uncrosslinked. Such an additive may be formed into the blood contacting layer (or zone), e.g., first zone 62 in Fig. 6. The additive's surface free energy may be in a range of about 10 to about 35×10^{-5} N/cm (about 10 to about 35 dyne/cm). More preferably, its surface free energy is less than about 30×10^{-5} N/cm (about 30 dyne/cm), and an optimum surface free energy may be in a range of about 20 to about 25×10^{-5} N/cm (about 20 to about 25 dyne/cm).

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Fig. 6, as originally filed, with replacement Fig. 6.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 7, 12, 15, 21, 30, 31, 33, and 40 with amended claims 7, 12, 15, 21, 30, 31, 33, and 40, as follows:

- Q3 7. (amended) The graft of claim 1, wherein said graft comprises:
- an inner first micro-porous layer of polyether urethane-urea comprising about 1% to about 5% by weight of an additive formed by condensing MDI, polydimethylsiloxane, and 1,4-butanediol;
 - a second nonporous layer of polyether urethane-urea comprising about 1% to about 5% by weight of said additive; and
 - a third porous layer of a polyether urethane-urea comprising about 1% to about 5% of said additive.